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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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**Period for Reply**

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 1,2,4-7,9 and 11-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 7,9 and 11-21 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 4-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 13 July 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on 3 August 2005.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments regarding Claim 1, filed 3 August 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Melo et al fails to disclose a user interface configured to accommodate a user-selection of a subset of printers of the set of printers. Col. 2, lines 54-67, states that the user may issue a request to have a document printed on a printer. Such a request initiates the printer driver to create a print job to be transmitted to one or more of the printers 210,220, and 260. Furthermore, the applicant argues that Melo et al fail to disclose printing plural print jobs. Col. 3, lines 3-7, states separate print jobs 230 and 270 are transmitted.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 7, 9, and 11-21 are allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 7, 13, and 19 of the current application teaches similar subject matter as the prior art of Melo et al. (US 6,431,772). However claims 7, 13, and 19 are allowed for the reasons pointed out by Applicant's remarks (page 9, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph).
5. Claims 9, 11, 12, 14-18, 20, and 21 are allowable for being dependent on an allowable base claim.

6. Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 1 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Melo et al. (US 6,431,772).

9. Regarding Claim 1, Melo et al disclose a computer-implemented printing system comprising: a set of printers configured to print user-selected print jobs (printers 210, 220, and 260); a communications link (public data communication network 250); and a processor linked via the communications link to the set of printers (computer 200), the processor having a user interface configured to accommodate user-selection of a sub-set of printers of the set of printers (button with a pointer device in a graphical user interface), the processor further configured to communicate plural print jobs to the sub-set of printers upon a single command (separate print jobs 230 and 270 are transmitted) (col. 2, lines 25-67, col. 3, lines 1-6).

10. Regarding Claim 4, Melo et al disclose a system, wherein the communications link is the Internet (public data communications network 250, such as the Internet) (col. 2, lines 25-36).

11. Regarding Claim 5, Melo et al disclose a system, wherein at least one of the printers in the sub-set of printers is in a remote location from the processor (remote printer 260) (col. 2, lines 25-36).

12. Regarding Claim 6, Melo et al disclose a system, wherein the sub-set of printers is a single printer (either of local printers 210-220, or the remote printer) (col. 2, lines 51-54).

#### ***Conclusion***

13. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

***Contact Information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satwant K. Singh whose telephone number is (571) 272-7468. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8am - 4:30pm.

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